

Pick Bridge  
Spanning North Platte River  
on County Road 508  
Saratoga vicinity  
Carbon County  
Wyoming

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Location: Spanning the North Platte River, 7.0 miles northwest  
of Saratoga on County Road No. 508 in Carbon County,  
Utah

UTM: 13.343110.4600140  
Quad: Overland Crossing

Date of Construction: 1909-1910, relocated 1934

Present Owner: Carbon County  
Third and Pine Streets  
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

Present Use: Roadway and vehicular bridge

Significance: The Pick Bridge features one of the longer simple  
spans of the county-built trusses. It is an important  
early example of its type and one of only two of its  
type remaining in use in Wyoming today.

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Carbon County Commissioners received a petition in 1909 from the citizens of Rawlins and Fort Steel "praying for a steel bridge across the North Platte River." In September 1909, bids were solicited, and the contract given in October to Charles G. Sheely for \$12,700 (which also included a truss over the Little Snake River near Baggs). The bridge was replaced in 1929. In 1934, the county hired Frank Anderson to move the bridge 21 miles upriver to the Pick Road Crossing.<sup>1</sup>

Pick Bridge is a single span, steel pin connected, 10-panel Parker Through truss. The abutments are steel-cased concrete caissons. The roadway deck is steel with timber stringers. The span is 175 feet and the roadway is 14 feet 5 inches in width. Top chords are two channels with cover plate and lacing; bottom chords are paired eyebars; verticals are two channels with lacing; and diagonals are paired eyebolts and angle struts with round rod sway bracing.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Carbon County Commissioners' Minutes: October 4, 1907, September 7, 1909, October 5, 1909, and January 3, 1934.

<sup>2</sup> Wyoming Truss Bridge Survey, Wyoming State Highway Department